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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.181(a)  
TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

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Sir:

Applicants received a Notice of Abandonment  
mailed by the USPTO on August 16, 2004. This Notice of  
Abandonment states that the above captioned patent  
application is abandoned because applicants' failed to  
pay the Issue Fee.

However, applicants timely paid the Issue Fee as indicated in the attached documents. These attached documents include a copy of the Issue Fee Transmittal form and a copy of the Post Card duly stamped by the USPTO.

This attached copy of the Issue Fee Transmittal form states that the issue fee was due on July 16, 2004, and includes a signed Certificate of Mailing to the effect that the issue fee payment was deposited with the United States Postal Service on July 1, 2004.

The attached copy of the Post Card also indicates that the Issue Fee Transmittal form was mailed on July 1, 2004 and further indicates that the issue fee in the correct amount should be charged to the stated deposit account. The Post Card copy additionally indicates that the Issue Fee was in fact received by the USPTO, albeit on August 16, 2004.

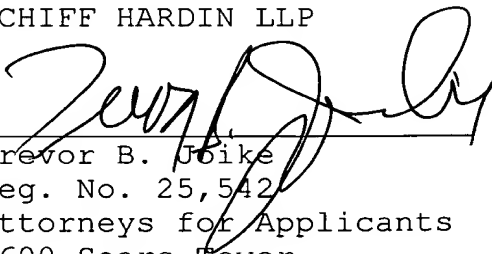
Accordingly, because the Certification of Mailing that was used to mail the Issue Fee to the USPTO is valid and exhibits a date prior to the due date of the Issue Fee, the holding of abandonment is improper. Therefore, applicants respectfully request that the

holding of abandonment be withdrawn and that the  
application be issued as a patent.

Respectfully submitted,

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